GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PRED – Allegations of irregularities in execution of Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme) in Prakasam District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division, Podili – Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved - Imposition of minor penalty of withholding two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 117 **Dated: 03-03-2021**
Read the following:-

1) G.A(V&E)Dept.,Vigilance Report No.165 (783/V&E/E1/03),Dt:09-11-2005.
2) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig.IA/2006-7, Dt:21-04-2006.
3) G.O.Rt.No.833, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept.,Dt:02-06-2011.
4) G.O.Rt.No.834, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept.,Dt:02-06-2011.
5) G.O.Rt.No.358, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept.,Dt:03-03-2012.
6) From the Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD, D.O.Lr.No.176/COI-J/A2/2011, Dt:11-05-2012.
7) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig.IA/2006-26, Dt:24-01-2013.
8) Explanation of Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy,dt:29-06-2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the following charges were framed against Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division, Podili, Prakasam District, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, on allegations of irregularities in execution of Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme) in Prakasam District.

> Charge-1:- That Sri P. Radhakrishnamurthy the then AE, RWS, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District has committed irregularities in execution of providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam District (Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme), Prakasam Dist., has recorded wrong classification of soils/rock and also caused an excess payment which leads loss to the State Exchequer, and also frequent & recurring damages to delivery pipe line causing frequent disruption in supply of drinking water.
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> Charge-2 :- That Sri P. Radhakrishnamurthy the then Assistant Engineer, RWS, Y. Palem-II, Prakasam District has committed irregularities in execution of providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam Dist., (Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme), Prakasam Dist., has recorded excess in sand cushion & sand encasement and recommended excess payment which caused loss to the State Exchequer.

2. The Charged Officer has not submitted his written statement of defence, hence, the case was entrusted to General Administration (COI) Department, for conducting detailed inquiry. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, orders were issued appointing Dr. Subhrendu Bhatacharya, IAS., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri P. Radhakrishnamurthy, the then AE, RWS, Sub Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District along with (7) others. Subsequently, modification orders have been issued in the G.O 5th read above, appointing Sri Jitender, COI, GAD as Inquiry Officer in place of Dr. Subhrendu Bhattacharya, IAS., COI (Retd).

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report in respect of Sri P. Radhakrishnamurthy, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS, Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division, Podili, Prakasam District along with (7) others and made findings that the charge-1 and charge-2 are proved.

4. Government, after examining the said enquiry report, have decided to agree with the findings of Inquiry Officer, and accordingly communicated a copy of inquiry report to the Charged Officer and directed to submit his representation on the enquiry report vide reference 7th read above.

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5. In the reference 8th read above, Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division, Podili, Prakasam District has submitted his representation on the enquiry report, stating in respect of charge-1, he denied the charge on the ground that, due to his probation period only 32 Kms of length pipe line work was entrusted to him and duly following the rules and directions of the higher authorities. He has executed and recorded the work of lower diameter' sat tail end of the gravity lines and pressure lines. The same was check measured by the concerned Dy.Executive Engineer and super check-measured by the EE and SE. After their satisfaction only, payment was released to the contractor regarding his part of work no excess payment was released to the contractor and there is no financial loss to the Govt. Exchequer. In respect of charge-2, he denied the charge on the ground that, he has executed the work entrusted to him as per the standard procedure and site conditions and the sand cushion and sand encasement was executed. After super check-measurement by the higher officials, payment was made to the contractor and there is no financial loss to the Govt. Exchequer regarding his part. The V&E Officials have taken random samples only which is not correct. The charged officer has also stated that the irregular water supply is not due to sand cushion, there may be fault of type design and several other reasons such as frequent power failures and insufficient water in SS Tank (NS Canals) and also performance motors and pump sets. For frequent and recurring damages to delivery pipe line and causing disrupting for release of water and the same was not presented by the Presenting Officer. The V&E Officials have collected the evidences from the persons who are not available living at the time of execution of pipe line in the specific area. Though they have represented the V&E authorities also defective they have not considered their representation. They have acted unilaterally and framed charges and recommended disciplinary action against him and requested to consider his case on practical and humanitarian grounds.

6. Government after examining the matter and the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, keeping in view of findings of Inquiring Authority, it is decided to impose minor penalty of withholding of two (2) annual grade increments without cumulative effect under Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, against Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division, Podili, Prakasam District.

7. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose the penalty of withholding of two (2) annual grade increments without cumulative effect under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, against Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I, Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division, Podili, Prakasam District.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj/Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri P. Radhakrishna Murthy,
the then Assistant Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-I,
Prakasam District now AE, PR (PIU) Sub-Division,
Podili, Prakasam District (through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)
Copy to:
The General Administration(V&E)Department (w.r.t.VR No.165(783/V&E/E1/03)
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER